

Step 5 - Scan Applications

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Up to this point, everything in the nine-step process has focused on preparing Sonatype CLM to assess risk associated with your applications. Now, we actually walk through one of the ways your application can be scanned, the process of looking at the components in your application and vetting them against your policies.

The goal of this guide is to take you through the simple steps of scanning an individual application. This can be done via the Sonatype CLM Server Application Evaluation, or by installing and setting up our stand-alone scanner. It is important to note, that this is an ad hoc, or manual, approach and depending on your purchase, it's likely you will use one, or a combination of several, enforcement points (e.g. CI, IDE, Nexus Pro). While there is no difference in results produced using these manual method, it's not necessarily scalable for large implementations. scanner it is a manual process.

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**Important**

This guide assumes that you have a fully installed and running Sonatype CLM Server available. It also assumes you've completed the first four steps for Open Source Governance. Most notably, you will need to have created at least one organization and application and imported policies to your organization(s) and/or application(s).

Chapter 2

Manual Application Evaluation

In order to scan and evaluate an application, you need to have created at least one organization and one application, as well as created or imported at least one policy at either the organization or application level. You will also need to make sure you have the proper permissions to view report information for the application you wish to scan.

While scanning can be initiated from various enforcement points (e.g. Sonatype CLM for CI, IDE, and Nexus Pro), the quickest way to get started is to perform a scan manually. This can be done using the stand-alone scanner, or via the CLM server.

In both cases, the end result is the generation of reports associated with the Sonatype CLM stage chosen during this manual evaluation process. However, the implementation is slightly different for each of these options. That is, the CLM server provides a graphical user interface (GUI) to easily upload and scan an application, while the stand-alone scanner provides similar options but utilizes the command line interface (CLI).

We'll cover both of these options below, starting with the CLM Server.

Tip



It's important to remember, that both scanners provide the same report produced via the other enforcement point tools like Sonatype CLM for CI or IDE or Nexus Pro.

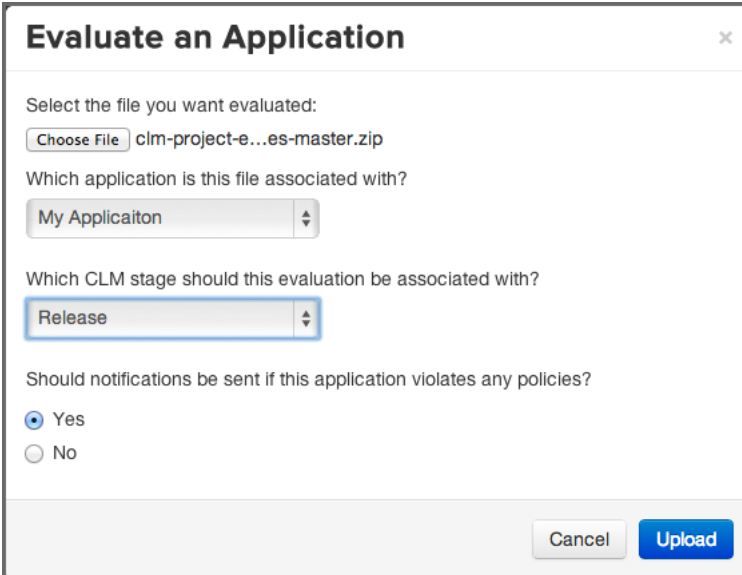
2.1 Evaluating via the CLM Server

As mentioned previously, before you can scan and evaluate an application, you will need to make sure you have:

- Created an organization
- Created an application
- Imported or created a policy

With the above complete, you are ready to scan and evaluate an application via the CLM Server.

1. First, login to the CLM Server. You will need to at least be an application owner for the application you want to scan and evaluate.
2. Next, click the *Organizational Design* icon  to access the **Organizational Design** area. Once there, click *Applications* (located in the menu on the left side of the screen), and then choose an application.
3. In the top right of the **Application Management** area, click the *Evaluate an Application* icon .
4. A modal will display providing a number of required fields.
 - a. First, choose the bundle (application) you want scanned. Clicking *Choose File* will allow you to browse your directories for the application you wish to scan.
 - b. Next, choose the application in Sonatype CLM you want to associate with the scan. By default, this will be pre-populated with the name of the application you first selected.
 - c. After choosing the application to scan, you will need to specify the stage, this will affect where the report is displayed, and will overwrite the most recent report for the application and stage selected.
 - d. Finally, if you have configured notification for your policy, or policies, you can choose whether or not you want those notifications sent.
5. Click the *Upload* button to begin evaluating the chosen application.
6. The Evaluation Status will display, showing you the progress of your scan. When complete, you can click the *View Report* button to view the results of your scan.

The image shows a web-based dialog box titled "Evaluate an Application" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following elements: a text label "Select the file you want evaluated:" followed by a "Choose File" button and the filename "clm-project-e...es-master.zip"; a text label "Which application is this file associated with?" followed by a dropdown menu showing "My Applicaiton"; a text label "Which CLM stage should this evaluation be associated with?" followed by a dropdown menu showing "Release"; and a text label "Should notifications be sent if this application violates any policies?" followed by two radio buttons, "Yes" (which is selected) and "No". At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Upload".

Evaluate an Application

Select the file you want evaluated:

[Choose File](#) clm-project-e...es-master.zip

Which application is this file associated with?

My Applicaiton

Which CLM stage should this evaluation be associated with?

Release

Should notifications be sent if this application violates any policies?

☒ Yes

☐ No

[Cancel](#) [Upload](#)

Figure 2.1: Evaluate an Application

Note

You can also evaluate an application via the *Organizations* area, simply click on *Organization* instead of *Applications* and follow the instructions from there. You will still need to have created an application, and the application won't be pre-filled for you in the form.

2.2 Evaluating via the Stand-alone Scanner

The first step in using the stand-alone scanner to evaluate an application, is to download the jar file named similar to `sonatype-clm-scanner-1.7.0-02.jar` from the [Sonatype Support website](#) and place the file in its own directory.


Prior to your scan, you will need to make sure you have everything setup for your application. At a minimum, you must have:

- Created an organization
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- Created an application
- Imported or created a policy

2.2.1 Finding the Application ID

In order to evaluate an application, you must have the application id. This can be found by:

1. Log into your Sonatype CLM server with a user account that has proper permissions to view a report for a specific application (at least a member of the developer group for the application would be required).
2. Next, click the *Organizational Design* icon  to access the **Organizational Design** area.
3. Once there, click *Applications* (located in the menu on the left side of the screen), and then choose an application. You should see a screen similar to Figure 2.2.
4. Locate the text underneath the application name. The application identifier is the text between **Application** and **in [organization name]**. In the example below it is MyApp-1234.

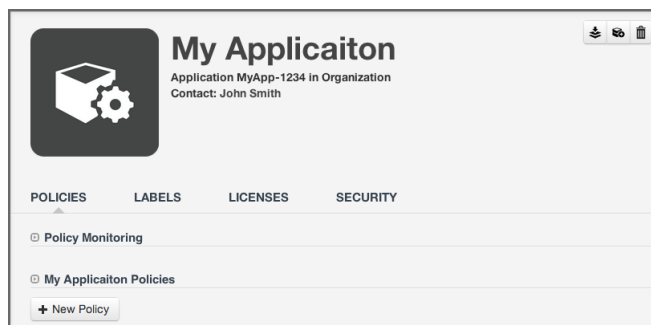


Figure 2.2: Application Overview with Application Identifier

2.2.2 Using the Stand-alone Scanner

Now that you have the stand-alone scanner setup, you are ready to evaluate an application. As a Java application, it can be started using the `java` command for the scanner jar, and adding the necessary parameters. The syntax below represents the minimum set of options required to evaluate an application:

```
java -jar [scanner jar] -i [application id] -s [server URL] [target]
```

scanner jar

This is the path to Sonatype CLM Scanner (Stand-alone scanner) jar file e.g. `./sonatype-clm-scanner.jar`

--application-id

Using the switch `-i`, enter the application id for your application (see instructions above).

--server-url

Using the switch `-s` enter the location of your CLM server (e.g. `http://localhost:8070`).

Target

This is the path to a specific application archive file or a directory containing such archives. A number of formats are supported, including `jar`, `war`, `ear`, `tar`, `tar.gz`, `zip` and many others.

Tip

Listed in the options below, you can specify the specific CLM stage. However, if you do not include this option the system will default to the Build stage.

2.2.3 Additional Options

There are several additional options that can be used in the construction of the syntax for evaluating an application with the stand-alone scanner.

--fail-on-policy-warnings

using the switch `-w` will cause a failure of the evaluation if any warnings are encountered. By default, this is set to false.

--ignore-system-errors

Using the switch `-e`, allows you to ignore any system errors (e.g. IO, Network, server, etc.). This is most helpful when using the stand-alone scanner with continuous integration servers, as these errors can cause the unintentional failure of a build.

--proxy

Using the switch `-p`, you can specify a proxy to use in connecting to the CLM Server. The format is `<host[:port]>`.

--proxy-user

Using the switch `-U`, you can specify credentials for the proxy. The format is `<username:password>`.

--result-file

Using the switch `-r`, you can specify the name and location of a JSON file that will store the results of the policy evaluation in a machine-readable format.

--stage

Using the switch `-t`, you can specify the Sonatype CLM stage you wish the report to be associated with. This is an optional parameter, and if it is not specified, the report will be associated with the Build stage by default.

Note

At this time only the Build, Stage Release, and Release stages will display a report in the CLM Reports Dashboard. For a full list of stages, use the CLI help provided with the plugin.

2.2.4 Stand-alone Scanner Example

In an example scenario, let's say you have copied the `sonatype-clm-scanner.jar` as well as the application you want to examine to a specific directory e.g. `~/clm-test`. The application's filename is `sample-application.zip`.

To scan this application you have to identify the Sonatype CLM Application ID and supply it with the `-i` switch as well as supply the URL of your CLM server with `-s`. As an option, and what is demonstrated below, you can also specify a particular stage.

The full command line for an Application ID `Test123` and a URL of `http://localhost:8070` is

```
java -jar ./sonatype-clm-scanner.jar -i Test123 -s http://localhost:8070
-t release sample-application.zip
```

To access help content for the scanner run the scanner without supplying parameters:

```
java -jar ./sonatype-clm-scanner.jar
```

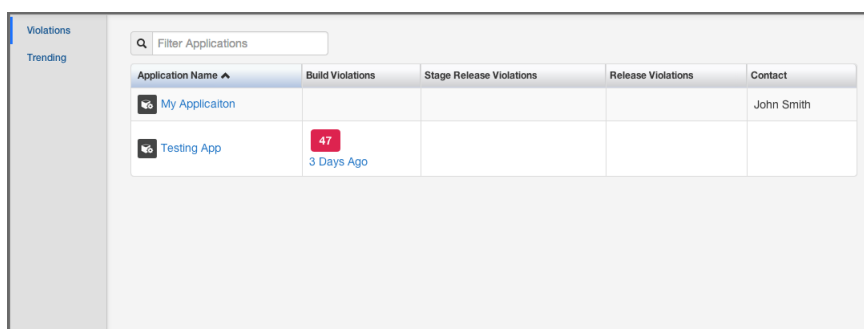
Go ahead and try a scan yourself. The Sonatype CLM stand-alone scanner will accept a number of file types, including jar, war, and zip files. If your scan is successful, the log output of the command execution will provide a summary as well as a link to the produced results similar to:

```
[INFO] Policy Action: Warning
[INFO] Summary of policy violations: 4 critical, 85 severe, 46 moderate
```

[INFO] The detailed report can be viewed online
at <http://localhost:8070/ui/links/application/my-app/report/95c4c14e>

2.3 Report Generation

Whether you've scanned via the GUI interface, or using the stand-alone scanner, a successful scan will result in a link to the report being displayed in both the *Application Management* area for each application, as well as *Reporting* area of the Sonatype CLM Server.



Application Name ▲	Build Violations	Stage Release Violations	Release Violations	Contact
My Application				John Smith
Testing App	47 3 Days Ago			

Figure 2.3: Violations Report after Scan

Note

If using the stand-alone scanner, and you kept our defaults, the report will be listed under Build Violations. You should see something similar to the results displayed in Figure 2.3.

2.4 Summary

How did scanning an application go? Pretty simple right?

In this section there are couple of key pieces of functionality we introduced you to. This includes:

- Evaluating applications via the Sonatype CLM Server

- Evaluating applications via the stand-alone scanner

As we've mentioned before, evaluating an application is the essence of Sonatype CLM, and the tools available right inside the CLM Server, or even the stand-alone scanner, provide quick and effective ways to get results without needing to interact with other enforcement points.

That said, these tools work best when you are only looking to scan a few applications. If you have hundreds, or maybe even thousands, of applications to evaluate, you are going to want to look into integrating an enforcement point (e.g. Sonatype CLM for CI).

Chapter 3

Conclusion

Upon completion of our scan, or multiple scans if you were ambitious, you can now move to the **next step, Step 6 - Review Reports**, and review your report results. Remember, everyone tends to be a little surprised when they see their results.
